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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554
Re: GN Docket No. 09-191

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber, in Portland, Oregon, with over 800 members, is dedicated to working with all members of the community to increase the economic advancement of Hispanic-owned businesses in Oregon and SW Washington. Our key goals include: increasing business networking, providing business education, and increasing the involvement of the Hispanic business community in improving the social and economic climate in Oregon. As a result, we understand the importance of broadband technology.

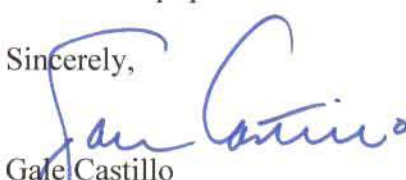
We are therefore submitting reply comments on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the Open Internet. We are concerned about additional regulations on businesses and consumers across the country that could detract from private sector investment, which is critical to building out the next generation of the Internet.

As the National Broadband Plan states, "every American should have affordable access to robust broadband service, and the means and skills to subscribe if they so choose." I am hopeful that the Plan will be an important first step in eradicating the digital divide.

For too many Hispanic Americans – particularly those who do not speak English or who are low-income – a broadband connection remains out of reach. In these economic times, broadband is an important resource for job searches, training programs, and continued educational opportunities. In order to ensure our future success and national competitiveness, it is essential that all Americans gain access to broadband technology.

We urge you to take this opportunity to bring broadband to every home and business in the country, and not adopt policies that could be obstacles.

Sincerely,


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